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a1 I hereby claim benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 120 of United States patent application Serial Number 09/687,958 filed 10/12/2000. This application is a continuation-in-part of the 09/687,958 application. The 09/687,958 application is ~~currently pending~~ has been abandoned. The 09/687,958 application is hereby incorporated by reference into this application.

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Please delete Claim 8 without prejudice or disclaimer.

1. (Currently Amended) A ski system, comprising:
a base member having an upper surface and a lower surface;
a securing structure attached to said upper surface of said base member for catchably receiving a shoe; and
a plurality of gripping members attached to and extending downwardly from said lower surface, wherein each of said plurality of gripping members has a front portion for gliding upon a snow surface allowing forward movement and a rear portion for engaging said snow surface for preventing rearward movement;
wherein said plurality of gripping members are aligned in three parallel rows along a longitudinal axis of said base member.

2. (Original) The ski system of Claim 1, wherein said front portion is tapered upwardly and forwardly to said lower surface of said base member.

3. (Original) The ski system of Claim 1, wherein said front portion is curved upwardly and forwardly to said lower surface of said base member.

4. (Original) The ski system of Claim 1, wherein said rear portion extends upwardly to said lower surface of said base member.